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House Bill 1143

By: Representative Smith of the 113th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Code Section 21-2-225 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
- 2 voter registration and elector data and availability for public inspection and copying, so as
- 3 to provide for certain exemptions from costs of copying; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
- 4 other purposes.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

- 7 Code Section 21-2-225 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to voter
- 8 registration and elector data and availability for public inspection and copying, is amended
- 9 by revising subsection (c) as follows:
- 10 "(c) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to furnish copies of such data as may be
- 11 collected and maintained on electors whose names appear on the list of electors maintained
- by the Secretary of State pursuant to this article, within the limitations provided in this 12
- article, on electronic media or computer run list or both. Notwithstanding any other 13
- 14 provision of law to the contrary, the Secretary of State shall establish the cost to be charged
- 15 for such data; provided, however, that political parties, political bodies, and units of the
- University System of Georgia shall be exempt from such charges for copies provided not 16
- 17 more frequently than once each month; and provided, further, that the Secretary of State
- may exempt media organizations from such charges in the interest of disseminating public

information. The Secretary of State may contract with private vendors to make such data

- 20 available in accordance with this subsection. Such data may shall not be used by any
- 21 person for commercial purposes."
- 22 **SECTION 2.**
- 23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.